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MINUTES

CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

**October 27-28, 1998
Santa Cruz, California**

The meeting of the California Transportation Commission was called to order at 3:30 p.m. on October 27, 1998 in the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors Chambers, 701 Ocean Street, Santa Cruz, California.

The Commissioners' attendance was as follows:

Members Present: Robert Wolf, Chairman
Edward Sylvester, Vice Chairman
Mary Berglund
Octavia Diener
Roger Kozberg
Dana Reed
Senator Quentin Kopp, Ex-Officio

Members Absent: Gary Burke
David Fleming
Assemblyman Kevin Murray, Ex-Officio

The meeting recessed at 5:35 p.m. and reconvened on October 28, 1998 at 8:35 a.m. The Commissioners' attendance was as follows:

Members Present: Robert Wolf, Chairman
Edward Sylvester, Vice Chairman
Mary Berglund
Gary Burke
Octavia Diener, arrived 8:45 a.m.
Roger Kozberg
Dana Reed

Members Absent: David Fleming
Senator Quentin Kopp, Ex-Officio
Assemblyman Kevin Murray, Ex-Officio

1. GENERAL MATTERS

1.(1) Approval of Minutes for September 22, 1998 Meeting

Chairman Wolf presented the September 22, 1998 minutes for adoption. Commissioner Kozberg moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Reed seconded the motion which carried 5-0 (Commissioners Burke, Fleming, and Sylvester were absent).

1.(2) Commissioners' Meetings for Compensation

Chairman Wolf presented the List of Meetings for Compensation for adoption. Commissioner Kozberg moved to approve the List. Commissioner Berglund seconded the motion which carried 5-0 (Commissioners Burke, Fleming, and Sylvester were absent).

1.(3) Consent Calendar

Deputy Director Robert Chung reviewed the changes to the Consent Calendar. The changes were as follows:

Item 2.4b Resolutions of Necessity #C-17551, #C-17558, and C-#17577 were withdrawn by the Department.

Item 2.4d Director's Deeds amount on Agenda corrected to \$2,438,933.

Item 2.5a Minor Project #5, #7, and #8 were withdrawn by the Department which resulted in a revised total of 17 minor projects totaling \$6,280,500.

Item 2.5c.(1) Project #1 and #2 allocations were adjusted which resulted in a revised total allocation of \$11,124,000; Project #4 was withdrawn from the Consent Calendar for a separate discussion.

Item 2.5c.(2) Project #3 allocation increased which resulted in a revised total allocation of \$2,867,000.

Item 2.5c.(3) vote list description correction and book item attachment correction.

Item 2.6c.(1) correction to source of funding.

Item 2.6e correction to BFP number.

Deputy Director Chung reviewed Item 4.8. Commissioner Reed moved to add Item 4.8 to the Consent Calendar. Commissioner Diener seconded the motion which carried 6-0 (Commissioners Burke and Fleming were absent).

Commissioner Reed moved to approve the Consent Calendar with the changes discussed. Vice Chairman Sylvester seconded the motion which carried 6-0 (Commissioners Burke and Fleming were absent).

1.(4) Commission Reports

Commissioner Burke discussed his attendance at the Fund Estimate Workshop in Sacramento and the Workshop in District 4 and 5 and reported that the meetings were very beneficial.

Vice Chairman Sylvester and Commissioner Berglund reported on the UCLA Transportation Financing Conference at Lake Arrowhead.

Chairman Wolf reported on Assembly Transportation Committee Chairman Murray's hearings on LACMTA and discussed the status of CTC's MOU with LACMTA which is scheduled for the December Commission meeting.

1.(5) Business, Transportation and Housing Agency Report

Del Pierce, Business, Transportation and Housing Agency, discussed High Speed Rail, contracting out, and the SB 567 Transportation Infrastructure Bank.

1.(6) Caltrans Report

Caltrans director James van Loben Sels discussed the Mag Lev demo projects, San Francisco Bay Bridge Draft EIS, and the Altamont Commuter Express Service.

1.(7) Regional Agencies Report

Therese McMillan, Regional Agencies Moderator, reported about the items discussed at the RTPA meeting. The Commission requested that she present a detailed report on the project delivery reform effort in January 1999.

ACTION: T. McMillan

1.(8) Presentation by Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission Regarding Local Transportation Programs

The following individuals presented information on Santa Cruz County's local transportation programs:

- Bart Cavallaro, SCCRTC Chair
- Linda Wilshusen, SCCRTC Executive Director
- Jay Walter, Caltrans District #5 Director
- Les White, Santa Cruz Metro General Manager
- Debbie Hale, SCCRTC Senior Planner

2. PROJECT BUSINESS MATTERS**2.1 Program Amendments/Project Approvals**

2.1a. STIP Amendment for Action

- 2.1a.(1)** STIP Amendment 98S-4 - Action
Reprograms \$131,500 in Proposition 108 Bond funds to the City of Santa Clarita's Newhall Intermodal Transportation Center project. The funding source is the state's proportionate share of excess land sale proceeds for right-of-way purchased with Proposition 108 Bond funds allocated in FY 1991-92 for the Saugus Mainline/Los Angeles County Corridor project. The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA) and the City of Santa Clarita requested this amendment. (Noticed at August 19-20, 1998 CTC meeting. At the September 22, 1998 CTC meeting, LACMTA requested no action be taken until they could give the matter further consideration, and subsequently LACMTA withdrew this STIP Amendment request by letter dated October 1, 1998.)

Deputy Director Robert Chung briefed the Commission on the status of the proposed STIP amendment noting that LACMTA did not wish to go forward with this amendment which would move funds from a prior STIP commitment to a new 1998 STIP commitment, thereby counting against LA's county share. Kerry Forsythe, LACMTA, confirmed that LACMTA had requested that this matter be withdrawn. The Commission took no further action on this item.

- 2.1a.(2)** STIP Amendment 98S-5 - Action
Increases the programmed amount from \$10,530,000 to \$22,690,000 for an increase of \$12,160,000 for the Sorrento/Miramar project to double track and straighten curves on the Los Angeles to San Diego (LOSSAN) Corridor programmed in the 1998 STIP, and deletes the \$12,160,000 Elvira/Friar project also programmed in the 1998 STIP. The North San Diego County Transit Development Board (NSDCTDB) is requesting this amendment.

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

- 2.1a.(3)** STIP Amendment 98S-6 - Action
Increases the programmed amount from \$1,500,000 to \$2,465,000, an increase of \$965,000, and increases the scope of the Power Switches at Oxnard Siding project programmed in the 1998 STIP. This amendment also reduces the programmed amount from \$4,000,000 to \$3,035,000, a reduction of \$965,000, and decreases the scope of the Tunnel 26 Improvements to Raise Speeds project also programmed in the 1998 STIP. The Ventura County Transportation Commission (VCTC) is requesting this amendment.

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

- 2.1a.(4)** STIP Amendment 98S-7 - Action
Reprograms a total of \$27,777,000 from San Diego's 2000 STIP Reserve to a new Mission Valley East Corridor project for final design and right of way acquisition in the 1998-99 fiscal year, thereby reducing San Diego County's 2000 STIP Reserve from \$73,095,000 to \$45,318,000. The San Diego Metropolitan Transit Development Board (SDMTDB) is requesting this amendment.

Deputy Director Robert Chung reviewed the Federal Letter of No Prejudice from FTA which the Commission had requested and recommended approval. Susan Brown, MTDB, also discussed the proposed STIP amendment and the federal commitment to the right of way being purchased.

Commissioner Berglund moved to approve the STIP amendment. Commissioner Reed seconded the motion which carried 6-0 (Commissioners Burke and Fleming were absent).

- 2.1a.(5)** STIP Amendment 98S-8 - Action
Reprograms a total of \$721,000 from Shasta County's 1998 STIP Short-term Reserve to provide additional funding (\$603,000) to the Balls Ferry Road project, and to provide funding (\$118,000) for Planning, Programming and Monitoring activities not previously programmed in the STIP. The Shasta County Regional Transportation Planning Agency (SCRTPA) is requesting this amendment.
(Related Item 2.5h.)

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

- 2.1a.(6)** STIP Amendment 98S-9 - Action
Reduces the programmed amount for construction from \$1,282,000 to \$0 on the Route 5 Hammer Lane Interchange project programmed in the 1998 STIP and places the \$1,282,000 in a Short-term Reserve for San Joaquin County. The removed STIP funds will be replaced with \$882,000 in County of San Joaquin Measure K funds and \$400,000 in State and Local Partnership Program funds. The City of Stockton and the San Joaquin Council of Governments (SJCOG) are requesting this amendment.

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

2.1b. STIP Amendments for Notice

- 2.1b.(1)** STIP Amendment 98S-10 - Notice
Reprograms a total of \$824,000 from San Diego's 1998 STIP Short Term Reserve for a new Encinitas Parking Lot Expansion project for design and construction in FY 1998-99. The North San Diego County Transit Development Board (NSDCTDB) is requesting this amendment.

Deputy Director Robert Chung reviewed the proposed STIP amendment and noted that it would be presented next month for action.

- 2.1b.(2)** STIP Amendment 98S-11 - Notice
Reduces the project scope and programmed amount from \$578,000 to \$232,000 for an Alameda County I-880 HOV Corridor replacement planting project programmed in the 1998 STIP and transfers these funds to three other required mitigation replacement planting projects on the Alameda County I-880 HOV Corridor. The Department is requesting this amendment.

Dina Oppenheimer, Caltrans, reviewed the proposed STIP amendment and noted that it would be presented next month for action.

- 2.1b.(3)** STIP Amendment 98S-12 - Notice
Deletes the \$17,500,000 Yolo Causeway Double Track project programmed in the 1998 STIP and reprograms \$10,100,000 to a project to construct track and signal improvements project between Sacramento and Stockton. The remaining \$7,400,000 balance will be available for future Interregional Improvement Plan programming. The Department is requesting this amendment.

Warren Weber, Caltrans, described the proposed STIP amendment.

Richard Silver, Rail Passenger Association of California, submitted a letter of support for the record and requested favorable consideration of the amendment.

Chairman Wolf noted that letters of support had been received from four legislators.

Commissioner Reed discussed concern about transferring funds from a project in one corridor to another corridor and the number of scheduled daily trips.

After discussing the proposed amendment, the Commission requested Caltrans/Commission staff to:

Restructure the STIP amendment to clarify that the \$10 million augmentation to Proposition 116 funds will come from new programming capacity in the 1998 STIP amendment process. If in the meantime, cash flow or obligation requirements demand an earlier commitment of \$10 million as an interim use of the dollars, the \$10 million can be programmed against the Department's Interregional Program.

ACTION: W. Weber

Report to the Public Transit Committee in December on the next priority use of the \$17 million currently programmed for the Yolo Causeway double tracking, with attention to those unfunded projects identified as a precursor to the 1998 STIP Intercity Rail Program adoption.

ACTION: W. Weber/R. Chung/B. Fliasher

Report on what would be required to move to two round trips per day serving Sacramento to Stockton.

ACTION: W. Weber

- 2.1b.(4)** STIP Amendment 98S-14 - Notice
Program a total of \$328,000 from the unprogrammed balance of Butte County's 1998 STIP county share to a shoulder widening project on Midway south of Chico (\$155,000), a road reconstruction project on Neal Road west of Paradise (\$30,000) and match for federal HBRR funds for reconstruction of Centerville Road bridge at Butte Creek (\$90,000) and River Road bridge at Big Chico Creek (\$53,000). Requested by Butte County Association of Governments (BCAG).

Chief Deputy Director Pete Hathaway reviewed the proposed STIP amendment and noted that the program total was actually \$1.8 million rather than the \$328,000 listed on the agenda. Chairman Wolf asked Caltrans to set up a procedure to handle local project STIP amendments to avoid such errors in the future.

ACTION: J. Nicholas

2.1c. TCI Amendments for Notice

- TCI Amendment 98S-13 - Notice
Deletes a \$1,834,000 City of Commerce Metrolink Station Platform Construction project programmed in the FY 1996-97 Transit Capital Improvement (TCI) Program, and reprograms the \$1,834,000 FY 1996-97 TCI funds to a new Telegraph Road Track Capacity Enhancement project. The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA) and the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) are requesting this amendment.

Deputy Director Robert Chung described the proposed TCI amendment and discussed options available which included either (1) to approve the amendment next month as proposed or (2) to apply the \$1.8 million to the FY 97-98 TCI shortfall which will count against Los Angeles' county share.

Acting LACMTA Executive Director David Solow asked the Commission for the opportunity to bring this item back at a later date.

It was the consensus of the Commission to notice the TCI Amendment as planned with the item coming back next month for action.

2.1d. Proposition 116 - Non Urban County Project Approvals/Amendments

- 2.1d.(1)** Program Amendment to delete the County of Calaveras' California Street Pedestrian project and Gold Strike Road Bike project, revise the scope and programmed amount for the Daphne Street project, and increase the amounts programmed for the Blagen Road, Mountain Ranch, and Pope Street Bike projects. (Concurrent Allocation under Item 2.6b(3).)
Resolution PA-98-23 Amending Resolutions PA-94-21 and PA-93-25

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

- 2.1d.(2)** Program Amendment to delete a Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) Facility project in Nevada County for \$75,000 and to add a new Transit Bus Storage and Check Facility project for \$75,000. The CNG Facility was constructed by the Pacific Gas and Electric Company. (Concurrent Allocation under Item 2.6b(3).) Resolution PA-98-24 Amending Resolution PA-96-05

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

- 2.1d.(3)** Program Amendment to revise project scope from Two Park and Bus Lots for \$250,000, to One Park and Bus Lot for \$178,000, in the City of Oroville. Second project site deemed too expensive. The remaining balance of \$72,000 will be programmed at a later date. (Concurrent Allocation Amendment and Concurrent Allocation under Items 2.6e and 2.6b(3).) Resolution PA-98-25 Amending Resolution PA-97-21

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

- 2.1e.** Proposition 116 - Rail Project Approvals/Amendments

No Items This Month

2.2 Environmental Matters

- 2.2a.** Comments on Document in Circulation

No Items This Month

(Refer to Item 5.2b – Presentation on Recently Released Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the San Francisco Oakland Bay Bridge.)

- 2.2b.** Approval of Project for Future Consideration of Funding

- Maintenance Station in Santa Cruz County - Improve the Santa Cruz Maintenance Station near the City of Santa Cruz. Resolution E-99-5

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

- 2.2c.** Notice of Preparation of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR)

- Route 138 in Los Angeles County- Widen highway to 4-lanes in and near the City of Palmdale and the communities of Littlerock, Pearblossom and Llano.

Chief Deputy Director Pete Hathaway reviewed the Notice of Preparation and discussed the potential impacts.

It was the consensus of Commission to not prepare/send comments at this time.

2.2d. Adoption of Findings on Final EIR and Approval of Project for Future Consideration of Funding

- Route 4 in Contra Costa County - Upgrade the existing highway to a four-lane divided conventional highway between Route 80 and Cummings Skyway in and near the communities of Hercules and Rodeo. (Related Item 2.3a.)
Resolution E-99-6

Chief Deputy Director Pete Hathaway reviewed the Final EIR and Findings.

Commissioner Reed moved to approve Resolution #-99-6. Commissioner Berglund seconded the motion which carried 6-0 (Commissioners Burke and Fleming were absent).

2.3 Highway Route Matters

2.3a. Route Adoptions

- Adoption of a location for Route 4 in Contra Costa County as a Freeway from Sycamore Avenue, Kilometer Post 1.8 (Post Mile 1.1) to Cummings Skyway, Kilometer Post T7.9 (Post Mile T4.9). (Related Item 2.2d.)
Resolution HRA 99-2

Stephen Maller, Caltrans, reviewed the proposed route adoption and recommended approval.

Commissioner Reed moved to approve Resolution HRA-99-2. Vice Chairman Sylvester seconded the motion which carried 6-0 (Commissioners Burke and Fleming were absent).

2.4 Highway Right of Way Matters

2.4a. Resolutions of Necessity - Appearances

Mobil Oil Corporation
08-SBd-30-R11.20
C-17550

Chairman Wolf polled the audience and determined that the Mobil Oil Corporation representatives were not present. The Resolution of Necessity legal requirements were reviewed.

Commissioner Reed moved to approve the Resolution of Necessity. Commissioner Berglund seconded the motion. Chairman Wolf ordered a roll call vote. The motion carried 7-0 as follows:

AYES: Commissioners Berglund, Burke, Diener, Kozberg, Reed, Sylvester, and Wolf (7)

NOES: (0)

2.4b. 27 Resolutions of Necessity
C-17552 through C-17557
C-17559 through C-17576

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

2.4c. Airspace Lease Direct Negotiation (Sole Source Lease)

No Items This Month

2.4d. Director's Deeds

- 2.4d.(1)** Items # 1 Through 17
Excess Lands - Return to State: \$2,438,933
Return to Others: \$0

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

- 2.4d.(2)** Items # 18 Through 19 (Corrections to previously approved deeds)
Excess Lands - Return to State: \$0
Return to Others: \$0

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

2.5 Highway Financial Matters

- 2.5a.** Financial Vote for Minor Projects. Seventeen Minor projects totaling \$6,280,500 plus \$201,000 in Local Contributions.
Resolution FP-98-26

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

2.5b. Financial Vote for STIP/SHOPP Projects on the State Highway System

- 2.5b.(1)** Two STIP projects totaling \$14,678,000.
Resolution FP-98-27

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

- 2.5b.(2)** Nine SHOPP projects totaling \$25,476,000.
Resolution FP-98-28

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

2.5c. Financial Vote for STIP/TEA/EEM Projects off the State Highway System

- 2.5c.(1)** Four Local Assistance STIP projects totaling \$11,124,000 plus \$5,020,000 in Contributions from Others.
Resolution FP-98-29

Items 2.5c.(1) (Projects #1-3) were approved on the Consent Calendar on October 27, 1998. Project #4 was pulled from the Consent Calendar for separate discussion and vote.

On October 28, 1998, Deputy Director Robert Chung described the project, discussed the status of MOU's for the project, noted that the pertinent MOU was still in effect, and recommended approval of the allocation. After discussion, Commissioner Reed moved to approve the project. Commissioner Diener seconded the motion which carried 7-0 (Commissioner Fleming was absent). The Commission directed staff to prepare a letter to Assemblyman House regarding the status of the MOU and the Commission's approval of this item.

ACTION: R. Chung

- 2.5c.(2)** Three Local Assistance TEA projects for \$2,867,000 plus \$207,100 in Contributions from Others.
Resolution FP-98-30

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

- 2.5c.(3)** Four Local Assistance EEM projects for \$939,594 plus \$1,239,000 in Contributions from Others.
Resolution FP-98-31

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

- 2.5c.(4)** Correct Local Assistance STIP allocation resolution to permit construction activities.
Replacement Resolution FP-96-68 and FM-97-16

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

- 2.5d.** Financial Vote for Projects with Cost Increases Greater than 120 Percent of Program Amount
Resolution FP-98-32

- 04-Sol-80 - SHOPP project in Solano County on Route 80. Scour retrofit and widen bridges. Current programmed value of \$1,352,000 and current estimate of \$1,776,000 for a 32 percent increase over programmed amount.

Jim Nicholas, Caltrans, reviewed the project and the reasons for the cost increase were discussed.

Vice Chairman Sylvester moved to approve funds for the increase. Commissioner Reed seconded the motion which carried 6-0 (Commissioners Burke and Fleming were absent).

2.5e. Financial Vote for Supplemental Funds for Previously Voted Projects

Vice Chairman Sylvester noted that there were no supplemental fund items this month and complimented Caltrans staff on this accomplishment.

2.5f. Emergency Allocations**2.5f.(1)** Informational Report - Emergency G-11 Allocations
Eighteen Projects Totaling \$15,755,000

Jim Nicholas, Caltrans, reviewed Emergency G-11 allocations for six projects totaling \$6,400,000 plus an additional eighteen emergency projects totaling \$9,355,000 which were approved by Caltrans after preparation of the October meeting materials; the total allocation was \$15,755,000.

2.5f.(2) Informational Report - Phase II Seismic Retrofit G-11 Allocations

No Items This Month

2.5g. Extension of One-Year Allocation Time Limit for Unawarded Projects on the State Highway System

No Items This Month

2.5h. Amendment to Resolution DTP-98-02. Allocation of \$5,607,000 dated September 22, 1998. Allocation increase of \$118,000, for Planning, Programming and Monitoring activities for the County of Shasta, for a total revised allocation of \$5,725,000. (Concurrent STIP Amendment under Item 2.1a(5).)
Resolution DTP-98-03, Amending Resolution DTP-98-02

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

2.6 Mass Transportation Financial Matters**2.6a.** Financial Vote for TCI Program Projects. Three Local TCI Program projects totaling \$1,330,300.
Resolution MFP-98-07

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

2.6b. Financial Vote for Proposition 116 Projects**2.6b.(1)** Three Local Proposition 116 Rail Projects totaling \$7,415,529.
Resolution BFP-98-15

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

2.6b.(2) State Proposition 116 Rail Projects

No Items This Month

2.6b.(3) Five Local Proposition 116 Non-Urban County Projects totaling \$2,112,131.
Resolution BFP-98-16

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

2.6c. Financial Vote for STIP Rail/Transit Projects**2.6c.(1)** Financial Vote for seven STIP Rail/Transit Projects totaling \$31,595,000.
Resolution MFP-98-08

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

2.6c.(2) Financial Vote for two STIP Rail/Transit Projects totaling \$2,917,000. (Related Items 2.8 and 5.1b.)
Resolution MFP-98-09

Refer to Item 5.1b. for information on this item.

2.6c.(3) Financial Vote for one STIP Rail/Transit Project for \$6,500,000.
Resolution MFP-98-10

Commissioner Reed recused himself from discussion on this item and left the dais.

Deputy Director Chung reviewed the financial vote and LACMTA's North Hollywood Extension project history and recommended approval.

Senator Kopp expressed concern about the completion timeline and ridership. After discussion, the Commission asked Regional Agency staff to provide Senator Kopp and Commissioners with the weekday ridership figures for the Red Line upon opening of the North Hollywood extension and projected ridership for some period beyond the initial opening.

ACTION: K. Forsythe

Commissioner Diener moved to approve funding. Commissioner Kozberg seconded the motion which carried 5-0-1 (Commissioners Burke and Fleming were absent, Commissioner Reed abstained from voting).

2.6d. Financial Vote for Multiple Program Funded Projects

No Items This Month

2.6e. Allocation Amendments for Proposition 116 Projects

- City of Oroville - Reduce project scope from Two Park and Bus Lots to One Park and Bus Lot. (Related item 2.1d.(3).)
Resolution BFA-98-05, Amending Resolution BFP-97-21.
- Inyo County Local Transportation Commission - De-allocates a total of \$70,212 in cost savings (\$13,748) and in unexpended balance (\$56,464) from three transit vehicle acquisition projects.
(Concurrent Allocation under item 2.6b(3).)
Resolution BFA-98-06, Amending Resolutions BFP-93-84, BFP-94-09, and BFP-95-34.

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

2.6f. SB 2800 Advance Local Match Requests

No Items This Month

2.6g. Allocation of up to \$238,000 for accounting purposes, and \$5,000 for environmental cleanup, for a total of up to \$243,000 from the General Fund for North Coast Railroad Authority. (Related Item 5.1a.)
Resolution MFP-98-11

Chairman Wolf discussed the importance of sound financial foundation for the NCRA. Allan Hemphill, NCRA Chairman, discussed NCRA's financial history and reviewed the new financial plan. During the discussion, the Commission asked him to present at the January or February Commission meeting a proposed budget for the use of the remaining \$1.762 million appropriated for allocation to NCRA and to include in the presentation a review of possible eligible expenditures in the proposed budget.

Deputy Director Chung discussed the conditions that should be met if the Commission allocated the funds. Commissioner Reed moved to allocated the \$241,825 with the conditions recommended by staff. Vice Chairman Sylvester seconded the motion which carried 6-0 (Commissioners Burke and Fleming were absent).

2.7 Aeronautics Financial Matters

Allocation of \$400,000 for FY 1998-99 California Aid to Airports Program (CAAP) funds for three projects from the 1998 Aeronautics Program.
Resolution FDOA-98-9

- City of Firebaugh - Firebaugh Municipal Airport in Fresno County \$301,000 - Storm drain improvements and Runway Safety Area.
- Anderson Valley Community Services - Boonville Airport in Mendocino County \$55,000 - Airport Layout Plan.
- County of Alpine - Alpine County Airport, \$44,000 - Construct - Runway 16/34.

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

2.8 Waiver of Commission Policy

- Request for Waiver of Financial Guidelines for Local Agency Reimbursement from the Department of Transportation (on behalf of the City of Colfax) to extend the period of project reimbursement for the Colfax Amtrak Station Project from June 30, 1997 to June 30, 1999. The Commission allocated \$490,000 of Fiscal Year 1994-95 Transit Capital Improvement Program funds to the Department on May 2, 1995. To date, no reimbursements have been made against this allocation. (Related Items 2.6c(2) and 5.1b.)

Refer to Item 5.1b for proceedings related to this item.

2.9 Technical Changes to Previously Approved Resolutions

No Items This Month

2.10 Contract Approval Proposition 116 Bond Program

- Contract Approval of \$2,182,308 funded by Proposition 116 Bond Program funds for the Department of Transportation's FY 1998-99 (\$726,566), FY 1999-00 (\$744,715), and FY 2000-01 (\$711,026) Administration costs.

David Cabrera, Caltrans, summarized the proposed three year contract for the Proposition 116 Program. The Commissioners discussed the level of funding, number of PYs, and the reasons for a multi-year contract.

During the discussion, Caltrans staff was asked to attempt to reimburse the {TA with Prop 116 funds since the right of way inventory was designated for \$1million in Prop 116 funds and report back to the Commission.

ACTION: D. Cabrera/C. House

After discussion, Commissioner Berglund moved to approve the contract for FY 1998-99. Vice Chairman Sylvester seconded the motion which carried 6-0 (Commissioners Burke and Fleming were absent). Staff was directed to prepare and execute the one-year contract for Proposition 116 administration.

ACTION: R. Remen/D. Cabrera

3. PROGRAM STATUS**3.1** Caltrans Monthly FY 1998-99 Finance Report

Joan Borucki, Caltrans, presented the Monthly Finance Report and noted the State Highway Account cash balance has come down to \$1.4 billion with a downward trend since the 1998 STIP.

3.2 Monthly Report on Status of Projects Previously Voted but not Awarded

Jim Nicholas, Caltrans, briefly reviewed the seven projects on the list and discussed bidding trends.

3.3 Status of Federal ISTEA Apportionments and Risk of Lapse

Joan Borucki, Caltrans, discussed the status of federal funds from ISTEA noting that the only program at risk of losing funds is the enhanced (TEA) program with \$26 million to lapse in 1999 and \$46 million to lapse in 2000.

4. POLICY MATTERS**4.1 State Legislative Matters**

Deputy Director Chuck Oldham reviewed the status of bills passed by the Legislature and the Governor's final actions on the bills that were passed.

4.2 Draft 1998 STIP Fund Estimate Amendment

Joan Borucki, Caltrans, presented the draft 1998 STIP Fund Estimate and discussed the key assumptions, the PTA and State Highway Account funds, programming capacity, and short-term relief options.

During the presentation, the Commission directed staff to:

- Revise the Draft Fund Estimate to maximize programming capacity for PTA funds, including replacement of PTA funds with SHA funds for both TCI projects and project support expenditures to the maximum extent possible, and to revise the revenue projections to retain the PTA revenue assumptions made in the original Fund Estimate.

ACTION: C. House

- Report back on all eligibility options for replacing Public Transportation Account dollars with State Highway Account dollars for support purposes.

ACTION: C. House

- Work with the Regional Agencies, clarify and finalize the state-only funding policy, and clarify existing commitments for state-only funding.

ACTION: D. Brewer/C. House/J. Borucki

4.3 Proposed Revisions to Interim STIP Guidelines Relative to 1998 STIP Amendment

Garland Hagan, Caltrans, discussed the October 14th STIP workshop and summarized the 10 administrative changes and the 5 policy changes.

DeAnn Baker, representing the California State Association of Counties and the League of California Cities, also discussed the proposed revisions.

The Commissioners discussed the proposed revisions and directed staff to:

- Work toward a coordinated and if possible standard assessment of local system rehabilitation needs and report back to the Commission in the third quarter of 1999.

ACTION: P. Hathaway/D.Baker/T. McMillan/B. Buckley

- Complete the inventory of local system repair projects from 1998 storms consistent with federal funding eligibility requirements in time for the action on Regional Improvement Program submittals for the 1998 STIP augmentation, identifying the portion of that work either already funded or expected to be funded from other non-STIP sources.

ACTION: T. McMillan/D. Baker/N. Fooman

- Draft allocation guidelines per SB 45 in consultation with Regional Agencies for presentation at the January Commission meeting and action at the February Commission meeting.

ACTION: G. Hagan/D. Brewer

- Consider modifying the draft guideline revisions to: delete the "disaster area declaration" as a screen for storm damage repair projects; and replace the 10-year service life screen with a requirement for federal funding eligibility.

ACTION: G. Hagan

4.4 Report on 1998 STIP Projects Requiring Long-Life Pavement Incremental Cost Increase

Jim Nicholas, Caltrans, identified 32 1998 STIP projects that meet the criteria for the use of long-life pavement. He discussed the cost increase (estimated at \$35 million) and funding difficulties.

The Commissioners discussed funding the additional cost associated with long-life pavement and indicated that the increases associated with long-life pavement should not be counted against county minimums. The Commission directed staff to develop a mechanism whereby the added increment of funding for 1998 STIP projects that are candidates for long life pavement would not be charged against county shares, using the emergency reserve as a new source for funding this incremental work and possibly SHOPP programming as a means to negate the county share impacts.

ACTION: C. House/R. Remen

4.5 Discussion of Operational Improvements Element of Ten-Year State Highway System Rehabilitation Plan

Hamed Benouar, Caltrans, summarized the operational improvement element of the 10 year SHOPP and discussed the need for more programming of non-capacity increasing operational improvements. Jay Walters, Caltrans, also discussed operational improvements.

During the discussion, the Commission asked staff to:

- Prepare a full history, status and outlook for all original operational improvement projects identified by Caltrans in the Route 1 Corridor in and near Carmel for the December Commission meeting.

ACTION: J. Walters

- Try to develop consideration through development of the permanent guidelines a policy framework for resolving how operational improvement projects will be proposed for programming.

ACTION: H. Benouar/T. McMillan

4.6 Legal Analysis on Direct Pay-outs Versus Reimbursements for Grant Projects

Alan Glen, Caltrans, summarized the legal requirements and limitations for advancing state and federal funds to contractors. The Commission asked Caltrans staff to prepare for Chairman Wolf's signature a letter to Public Works Directors describing the availability of Caltrans' expedited reimbursement procedures.

ACTION: J. Nicholas

4.7 Revised TEA Design and Draft TEA Guidelines for Regional Program Resolution G-98-20

Chief Deputy Director Pete Hathaway reviewed the revised TEA program design and draft TEA Guidelines.

The following individuals presented testimony on their concerns:

- Jennifer Greene, Trust for Public Land
- Laura Cohen, Rails to Trails Conservancy

Chairman Wolf noted that the current TEA program design meet to at least some extent all objections presented to the Commission from July through September. He noted that many regions should undertake programming soon, and he urged Caltrans to do so as well. During the discussion, Commissioners expressed concern about TEA program delivery and asked the Resources Agency and Caltrans to return in December for Commission action with candidate projects for the new TEA Conservation Lands Program.

ACTION: D. Wheeler/J. Van Loben Sels

After discussion, Commissioner Berglund moved to approve the TEA design and guidelines. Commissioner Kozberg seconded the motion which carried 7-0 (Commissioner Fleming was absent).

- 4.8** Proposed Annual \$4,250,000 Allocation Set-Aside for the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) Railroad Grade Crossing Protection Maintenance Program for FY 1999-2000
Resolution G-98-21

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

- 4.9** Delegation of Limited Approval of Director's Deeds
Resolution G-98-22 Replacing Resolution G-97-12, and Amending Resolution G-2

Steve Ikeda, Caltrans, presented the proposal for delegated limited approval of Director's Deeds and discussed the reasons such delegation authority was needed.

Rick Gumz, Commission AAC Staff Liaison, indicated that the Air Space Advisory Committee agreed with the concept but had concerns about some of the definitions and lack of dollar cap.

After discussion, Commissioner Kozberg moved to adopt the policy with a \$100,000 cap for Director's Deeds. Commissioner Burke seconded the motion which carried 7-0 (Commissioner Fleming was absent).

- 4.10** Status Report on Airspace Advisory Committee Reforms

Rick Gumz, Commission AAC Staff Liaison, presented a status report on the AAC's efforts to develop and recommend reforms to streamline the airport process.

- 4.11** Procedures for Administering Local Grant Projects Including Delegation of Authority and Clarification of Timely Use of Funds and Decisions on Fund Type
Resolutions G-98-23, G-92-24, and G-98-25

Garland Hagan, Caltrans, summarized the procedures and discussed the need for the delegation of authority and clarification of timely use of funds provisions.

After discussion, Vice Chairman Sylvester moved to approve the Resolutions. Commissioner Reed seconded the motion which carried 7-0 (Commissioner Fleming was absent).

5. MODAL ISSUES**5.1 Rail**

- 5.1a.** North Coast Railroad Authority Update and Implementation of AB 2782 (Keeley) 1998
(Related Item 2.6g.)

Deputy Director Robert Chung reviewed the history of NCRA and requirements of AB 2782.

Senator Quentin Kopp reported on the Senate Transportation Committee hearing on NCRA and discussed the importance of preserving this line. He also indicated that he would ask staff to send copies of the Committee Report on the NCRA hearing to the Commission office for distribution to all the Commissioners.

ACTION: Steve Schnaidt

Craig House, Caltrans, reported on Caltrans' efforts to assist NCRA with the sole purpose of making the NCRA a viable operation under the direction of locals. Diane Eidam, Caltrans, discussed the status of NCRA's efforts to improve the accounting system.

- 5.1b.** Financial and Ridership analysis of Capitol Route Extension to Colfax
(Related Items 2.6c(2) and 2.8.)

Commissioner Reed discussed the Public Transit Committee's recommendation to oppose the financial vote for STIP Rail/Transit projects Item 2.6c.(2).

Celia McAdams, Placer County Transportation Planning Agency, discussed the importance of extending the Capitol Corridor route to Colfax.

Bill Fleischer, Capitol Corridor JPA, discussed the need for funds for platform improvements and fencing, lighting, and parking.

After much discussion, Commissioner Reed moved to approve Item 2.8 and table Item 2.6c.(2) until the incoming Secretary of BT&H could review the matter in conjunction with the preparation of the FY 99-00 Budget. Vice Chairman Sylvester seconded the motion which carried 6-0 (Commissioners Burke and Fleming were absent; however, the next day, Commissioner Burke announced that he was in favor of the motion and vote to table). As part of this action, the Commission directed staff to review with the incoming Agency representatives the cost-effectiveness of capital investments and operations support in the Capitol Corridor at the Rocklin, Auburn, and Colfax location and attempt to resolve through the FY 1999-2000 budget process.

ACTION: W. Weber/B. Fliesher

5.2 Highways**5.2a. Information Report on Partially-funded Very High Cost STIP Highway Projects**

Jim Nicholas, Caltrans, updated the Commission on the delivery status of ten very high cost STIP projects.

The following action items resulted from discussion on this item:

- Develop a reporting format for the history, status, and outlook of "big bite" projects for presentation either quarterly or semi-annually, and provide the Commission with clearer information on the present status of programmed projects in the Route 99/70 corridor.

ACTION: R. Remen/J. Nicholas

- Schedule a meeting with Caltrans to review possible candidates for the programming of interregional projects in the 1998 STIP augmentation process.

ACTION Commissioners Sylvester and Fleming

- Report at the December Commission meeting on the status of programmed and pending projects in Burbank/Glendale, including a projected date for completing the PSR for the Empire Avenue interchange.

ACTION: D. Grannis

5.2b. Overview Presentation on San Francisco/Oakland Bay Bridge and Recently Released Draft Environmental Impact Statement

Denis Mulligan, Caltrans, reviewed the information in the San Francisco/Oakland Bay Bridge project and the draft environmental impact statement.

The Commission took no action on this item.

6. OTHER MATTERS

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Robert I. Remen, Executive Director